

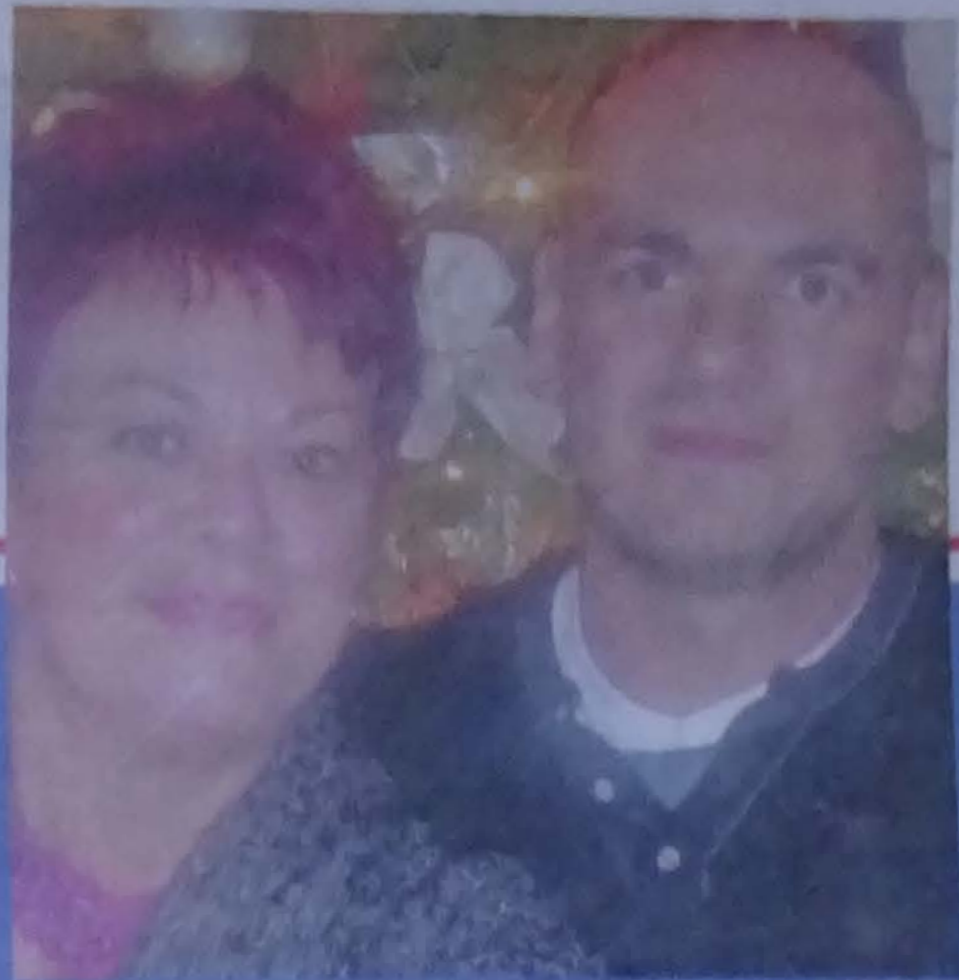
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■ Bulldozed – a workman pulls down travellers' buildings at Hovefields

Picture: RON POULTER

Bailiffs start the demolition of illegal travellers plots

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BULLDOZERS have smashed up half of an illegal travellers camp.

Six plots at Hovefields, Wickford, were destroyed as Basildon Council chiefs made their intentions to remove such sites clear.

The dismantling of the camp follows council leader Tony Ball's promise to resign if the district's ongoing traveller problem is not solved.

Basildon Council has had the powers to evict 90-plus families at the Hovefields and Dale Farm sites since January.

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